Press release

First freeze expected

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After the warmest October on record, Met Office forecasters have issued a severe weather warning predicting much colder weather for the next few days. Frost and snow are expected, and it will feel bitterly cold in strong northerly winds.

Chris Jones, Deputy Head of Forecasting at the Met Office, said: "Hills and mountains exposed to the north could see significant snow over the next few days but everyone will notice a change to much colder weather. The cold snap won't last long though, with milder air returning to all parts before next week"

Notes:

1. The Met Office issued a warning of possible disruption due to severe weather at 9am this morning.

2. This October was the warmest October since records began in 1659.

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